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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PACIFIC AND
SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. PRESIDENT CARTER WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR THE STRONG US
COMMITMENT TO ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, PARTICULARLY THOSE
COUNTRIES WITH WHOM THE U.S. HAS A HISTORY OF CLOSE
RELATIONS. BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS, THE PRESIDENT
WILL BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE PACIFIC THIS YEAR. AS A
CONCRETE INDICATION OF U.S. INTEREST AND COMMITMENT, THE
PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL,
WORKING VISIT AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PACIFIC
AND SOUTHEAST ASIA IN APRIL 1978. THE VICE PRESIDENT WISHES
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TO INCLUDE NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, THAILAND AND
THE PHILIPPINES IN HIS ITINERARY.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT IS AS FOLLOWS:

NEW ZEALAND

APRIL 8, ARRIVE OHAKEA LATE P.M.
APRIL 9, REST AND PRIVATE TIME IN WELLINGTON.
APRIL 10, OFFICIAL PROGRAM, DEPART OHAKEA EN ROUTE
CANBERRA 3:00 P.M.

AUSTRALIA

APRIL 10, ARRIVE CANBERRA 4:30 P.M., BEGIN OFFICIAL
PROGRAM.

APRIL 11, CONTINUE OFFICIAL PROGRAM. DEPART CANBERRA EN
ROUTE INDONESIA 4:30 P.M.

INDONESIA

APRIL 11, ARRIVE JAKARTA LATE P.M., REST AND PRIVATE TIME.

APRIL 12, PRIVATE WORKING TIME IN MORNING, BEGIN OFFICIAL
PROGRAM AT APPROXIMATELY NOON.

APRIL 13, DEPART JAKARTA EN ROUTE THAILAND 10:00 AM.

THAILAND

APRIL 13, ARRIVE BANGKOK, 12:30 P.M., BEGIN OFFICIAL
PROGRAM.

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APRIL 14, DEPART BANGKOK EN ROUTE MANILA 10:00 A.M.

THE PHILIPPINES

APRIL 14, ARRIVE MANILA 2:50 P.M., BEGIN OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

APRIL 15, CONTINUE OFFICIAL PROGRAM IN MORNING, DEPART
MANILA EN ROUTE HAWAII 2:00 P.M.

3. VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE AND
AFTER DATES FOR THE VISIT IS EXTREMELY CROWDED.
ACCORDINGLY, THERE IS LITTLE FLEXIBILITY IN THE
PROPOSED TIMING AND ITINERARY. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED
TO PROPOSE THESE DATES AND TIMING TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AND
TO CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY WISH TO STAY AT SUITABLE
HOTELS AT ALL STOPS.

5. FOR EMBASSY JAKARTA: GIVEN TRAVEL TIMES INVOLVED,

NEED FOR REST AND PRIVATE WORK TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT
THAT EVENING APRIL 11 AND MORNING OF APRIL 12 NOT BE
INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

5. EMBASSIES IN EACH CAPITAL ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM
HOST GOVERNMENT THAT WE WILL WISH TO COORDINATE ON TEXT
AND TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

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